

Rebuild America's Available Services

The Rebuild America Program Representative will request these services on behalf of community partnerships as part of the Assistance Request submission.

Services

Except where noted, the following services are available for use with all building projects at the described project phase.

Pre-Project Planning

Available Services

- Support in developing the A/E service provider selection criteria
- Assist in designing and conducting master planning design charrettes
- Conduct technical seminars on technology processes, etc., for general education purposes
- Conduct "walk-thru" seminars to determine opportunities and project feasibility
- Assist in the partnership's buildings prioritization process

Restricted Services

- Act as intermediary between partnership and service providers
- Negotiate on behalf of partnerships
- Make any project related decisions on behalf of partnership
- Conduct detailed or "investment grade" audits for partnerships
- Specify detailed systems recommendations
- Conduct detailed energy modeling
- Be a standing member of design team and attend all regular project meetings
- Be formally involved in competitive selection process

Project Definition

Available Services

- Support in developing the service provider/contractor selection criteria
- Assist in designing and conducting project level design charrettes
- Assist in evaluating whole building level project options (shape & structure, economic constraints, technical issues, project management issues, etc.) to help ensure the energy & environmental benefits of project are meeting the needs of the partnership
- Provide support to help justify the project. Create understanding of all factors related to project including benefits and costs, various levels of audit information, etc. (EE Retrofit)

Restricted Services

- Producing final contract language
- Reviewing proposed and negotiated contracts
- Acting as intermediary between partnership and service providers
- Negotiating on behalf of partnerships
- Making any project related decisions on behalf of partnership

Design Phase/Building Evaluation

Available Services

- Evaluate project design for Energy Star Label eligibility
- Conduct design review with goal of ensuring design has well integrated systems and a whole building design
- Provide operational cost estimates as part of design evaluation

- Conduct brief seminars on applicable technologies, financing, etc.
- Support in reviewing and developing building design guidelines (New construction)
- Review of construction documents and specifications with the goal of ensuring the design meets partnerships need as requested (i.e. Health, Energy, IAQ, Building Quality) (New construction)
- Participate in project "kickoff" meeting to help clarify project requirements and goals (EE Retrofit)
- Assist in determining need for brief feasibility study that helps determine if "investment grade" audit is warranted. Review results. (EE Retrofit)

Restricted Services

- Creating construction documents or writing specifications for partnership
- Approve design on behalf of partnership
- Interpret building code language to determine a project's compliance
- Producing final contract language
- Reviewing proposed and negotiated contracts
- Acting as intermediary between partnership and service providers
- Negotiating on behalf of partnerships
- Making any project related decisions on behalf of partnership

Contracts & Financing

Available Services

- Research state procurement regulations, policies and procedures for project applicability
- Identify alternative contracting vehicles, and provide applicable model contract documents for potential project use
- Assist in evaluating contracting & financing options (What are best ways to contract to maximize efficiency?)
- Conduct review of draft contract and financing language and documents to identify opportunities (in statement of work and attachments, evaluation criteria, etc.) related to technologies
- Conduct review of draft language of RFP/RFQ for selecting an energy service company (EE Retrofit)
- After awarding of the service contract, assist in clarifying project parameters with partnership and contract awardees. (EE Retrofit)

Restricted Services

- Producing final contract language
- Review proposed and negotiated contracts
- Provide direct project financing
- Acting as intermediary between partnership and service providers
- Be formally involved in competitive selection process
- Provide support to anyone responding to Partnership RFP/RFQ

Marketing & Communications

Available Services

- Cover partnership news in Rebuild America newsletter, Flash Report and on Web site
- Develop partnership success stories (Close-Ups) in print format and for Web site posting
- Assist in generating publicity about partnership activities and accomplishments in print and broadcast media, at both local and national levels.
- Provide guidance and support in the planning of partnership events
- Provide media outreach services to announce partnership launch and milestone events.

- Public relations/communications consulting and planning services to promote the partnership and its agenda to key audiences
- Provide Rebuild America slide presentation, program literature and use of posters and banners

Restricted Services

- Develop bylined or “ghost written” articles for partnership
- Develop “pitch” letters to increase local media interest
- Provide media training
- Developing customized slide presentations for partnership needs
- Graphics design and production
- Video production

Technologies and System Design

Available Services

- Provide technology, systems, and alternative energy source recommendations that help to achieve goals as outlined in the project definition
- Conduct brief feasibility study to determine the appropriateness of a certain technology or system
- Conduct design review with goal of ensuring design has well integrated systems and a whole building design
- Provide recommendations for metering requirements to accurately track the performance of the building systems
- Conduct inspections and review the performance of existing systems to determine system integration, retrofit or O&M opportunities

Restricted Services

- Detailed project energy modeling services (DOE2, EnergyPlus, etc)
- Make final technology & system selections for partnership

Construction

Available Services

- Support in developing the construction management or general contractor selection criteria
- Review change orders to determine if project objectives are still achieved from the technical perspective

Restricted Services

- Authorizing change orders on behalf of partnership

Building Commissioning

Available Services

- Support in developing the commissioning service provider selection criteria
- Support in developing the scope and definition of the project's commissioning activities
- Evaluate project for Energy Star Label eligibility
- Provide recommendations for metering requirements to accurately track the performance of the building systems

Restricted Services

- Provide commissioning services for partnership
- Meter buildings for revenue or utility use

Facilities Management

Available Services

- Provide guidelines for applicable operations and maintenance (O&M) practices
- Help identify buildings with potential Energy Star label eligibility
- Conduct technical seminars for facility staff to train them on operations and maintenance practices
- Conduct walk-thru seminar with facility staff to find O&M opportunities
- Review and support development of an energy policy or program
- Conduct brief review of utility rate structure to determine cost savings opportunities

Restricted Services

- Provide on site O&M services
- Provide system or vendor product specific O&M training